

genuine assets for our team of lawyers who were in large part unfamiliar with investigations involving these particular constituencies.

Others within the Department of Justice similarly deserve our special thanks and appreciation. We were particularly pleased with the professional and mutually beneficial relationship we quickly established with the Campaign Financing Task Force (“CampCon”) and with its two successive chiefs, first Charles LaBella and later, for the longer period of overlap with our investigation, David Vicinanzo. David, whose tenure corresponded more with ours, was generous in providing our Office with complete and important access to the CampCon database and to other investigative information. David readily agreed to coordinating with us carefully on the question of immunizing witnesses and entering plea bargains. Neither one of us wanted to take any prosecutorial or investigative step that would undermine the other, and both of us were eager for one or the other of us to bring to justice any people whom we could prove transgressed the law. The sharing of information and coordination of effort was conducted in such a way as to clearly enhance and never compromise or hurt the collection of evidence and the forward movement of our separate investigations. Such a relationship was contemplated by the independent counsel statute and it worked well in our case.

Likewise, I am grateful to Justice Department attorneys Stevan Bunnell and JoAnn Farrington and to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, James K. Robinson for their assistance throughout our investigation in revisiting and reaffirming the breadth and boundaries of our investigative mandate. Again, this type of consultation and coordination was specifically contemplated by the now expired independent counsel statute and worked extremely well for us in our particular case.